Railways propose to introduce; to pdevent recurrence) of such accidents, and

(e) whether the electorical engines used for hauling the goods traffic are Old and have lost their efficiency of pulling the desired pay load?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a)

(a) 8 during the year 1994-95.

(b) No, Sir. There has been sight in crease from in 1993-94 to 8 in 1994-95.

(c) Yes, Sir, AI) the accidents were enquirej into and were found to be caused by th failure of Railway Staff.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Some of the electric engines used for hauling the goods traffic are old, but ageing does rot reduce the efficiency of an electric locomotive to pull the desired load.

Accident nf goods train at Vasbind

1572. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: WiH the Minister of RA LWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have institu ted any enquiry into goods train acci dent at Vashind on Central Railway; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways arc aware that accident was caused due to negli gence of the driver, who has been arres ted by the Railway police;

Co) whether it is a fact that the accident victims have been paid ex-graitia payment of Rs. 5,000|.;

(d) whether the Railways will consider payment of full compensation to the accident vitcims;

fe) whether the Railways have assessed damage to agricultural crops or agricultural land due to still of petroleum products from the tank wagons involved in the .accident into the agricultural fislds; and

(;f) whether Government proiposte to compensation to the land owners?

THE M1N:STER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Senior Officers Enquiry Committee enquired into the accident occurred at Vashind on 3.1.95. The enquiry committee held that the crew of [he goods train did not take proper precautions in re-couplin,g the two rar ted loads on the graded section. The rear portion rolled down and ultimately capsized derailed near Vashind station.

(b) It is a fact that a case under Section 304A and 437 IPC and Section 175 of Indian Railways Act has been registered by Government Railway Police/Kalyan against the driver of the goods train on 5-1-95. The case is under investigation by the Govt. Railway Police. However, the driver * has not been arrested by the Govt. Railway Police so far.

(c) Although the victims were trespassers, on humanitarian grounds an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 5000/- ea.ch to the kith and kin of the 7 killed and Rs. 1000|- each to the 3 injured persons has been made.

(d) In view of the provisions of Indian Railways Act, 1989, compensa-tion is not payable to the victims of the subject accident being trespassers.

(e) No such assesment has been made so far.

(f) In accordance with the provi-sion o f the Indian Railways Act, 1989, compansation is not payable to the land owners.

Priority to loaded goods train

4673. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN": Will tho Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much time is required for delivery of a loaded goods train from Karanja Railway Station to Varanggon in normal course;